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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed April 26, 2010, under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of the 3.5-year maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued September 20, 2005. The grace period for paying the 3.5 year maintenance fee expired at midnight September 21, 2009. Therefore, since the petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case of \$490.00 along with the surcharge of \$1640.00 will be charged to deposit account 50-4207 and are accepted. The above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

If petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding any Maintenance Fee Reminder which may be mailed concerning this patent, a Fee Address should be submitted to Maintenance Fee Division.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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